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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 July 2003.
 - 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 - 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.
- Disposition of Claims**
- 4) Claim(s) 2-8 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3 and 6-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 - 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 - 6) Claim(s) 2,4 and 5 is/are rejected.
 - 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 - 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ . |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

Claims 3 and 6-8 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the election filed July 2, 2003.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 2, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by the Journal of Applied Polymer Science article by Jeng, Wang, Lin, Liu, Chiu and Su (only Jeng, Wang, Lin and Su are applicants of the instant application).

Page 3527 (second column, “Synthesis of DCP-amines, DCPD230 and DCPD400”) shows the reaction product of DCP and poly(propylene glycol)-bis-(2-aminopropyl ether (Jeffamine D230) conforming to formula (II-1) of claim 5 (page 3528, DCPD230).

The non-elected species of claim 6 (page 3528, “Synthesis of DCP-amine, DCPPDA”), claim 7 (page 3528, “Synthesis of PPDC-amines, PPDCD230, PPDCEDA, and PPDCPDA” and page 3529, PPDCD230) and claim 8 (page 3528, “Synthesis of PPDC-amines, PPDCD230, PPDCEDA, and PPDCPDA” and page 3529, PPDCPDA) are also depicted.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Taiwanese Patent No. 401,433 exhibits a reaction product of phenylphosphonic dichloride and amines precluded since R₂ (hydrogen or an alkylene diamine residue) of the prior art formula does not correspond to A (phenylene or bis-(aminopolypropoxyamino)-phosphorophenylene ether) of claimed formula (II).

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